Software for primary education in Karnataka

555. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance is proposed for Karnataka for providing software in the field of primary education; and

(b) if so, the number of schools identified for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No such assistance is proposed for Karnataka for providing software in the field of primary education.

(b) Docs not arise.

Computer education in Meghalaya

556. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a "scheme for encouraging computer education and for creating awareness about the importance of computer education in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating such institutions functioning at present; and

(c) the funds granted for the purpose during the last two years and till date?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) DOEACC Society, an autonomous society under the Ministry of Information Technology, accredites various courses in the country including the State of Meghalaya to create awareness and enocurage "computer education.

(b) and (c) Objective of the DOEACC scheme is to develop quality power in Information Technology by utilizing the expertise and infrastructure capable with the computer training institutes in the non-formal sector of education. The courses to which accreditation, is granted include a course on computer concepts (basic level appreciation), 'O' Level (Foundation) 'A' Level advanced Diploma), 'B' Level (MCA Level) and *C* Level (M.Tech Level).

Following Institutions have been supported during the last two years under the Employment Generation Training Scheme (EGTS) in the State of Meghalaya for conducting DOEACC 'O' Level as per the details given below:

(i) St. Anthony College, Shillong—'A' Level—Rs. 17.6 lakhs

(ii) St. Edmund College Shillong—'O' Level—Rs. 11.00 lakhs.

Government control over private computer institutes

†557. SHRI BAL KAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether various institutions have asked Government to enact necessary laws for information technology courses in private computer institutions;

(b) if so, whether besides enacting necessary laws, it is being considered to have Government control over these institutions for keeping a check on the increasing number of such institutions who ploy dream of being information technology experts;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, how long these private institutions would keep on playing with the future of students in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No such proposal was received to enact necessary laws for Information Technology courses in private computer institutions.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

International policy against hacking of Government sites

558. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to stale:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there have been a s of hackings of Government and important corporate websites.

(b) whether it is also a fact that presently there is no international with penal force to enforce the States to comply with some basic intern

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.